

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

21. (Currently Amended): An information handling system comprising:  
a graphical user interface that receives control information from a user and, according to the control information, arranges and displays a plurality of pictorial images on a desktop in a picture stack displayed as an undivided combined graphic symbol including a completely-shown top pictorial image and one or more underlying pictorial images underlying the top image that are at least partly obscured by overlying pictorial images, the graphical user interface being adapted to ~~respond to the user's arrangement of two or more overlapping images by creating~~ create and operate upon the picture stack as a conceptual structure ~~defined by an underlying area on the desktop~~ whereby control information directed to the ~~underlying area on the desktop operates upon the picture stack as the conceptual structure~~ combined graphic symbol performs a function determined by location on the symbol at which the control information is directed.

22. (Previously Presented): The information handling system according to Claim 21 further comprising:

the graphical user interface that receives control information including a mousedown event generated in a location within the picture stack, the mousedown event location determining ordering of images in the picture stack.

23. (Currently Amended): The information handling system according to Claim 21 further comprising:

the graphical user interface that displays the combined graphic symbol including a border formed around image data of the top image of the picture stack, the border separating the top image from underlying images in the picture stack combined graphic symbol.

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24. (Currently Amended): The information handling system according to Claim 21 further comprising:

the graphical user interface that displays the combined graphic symbol including a border formed around image data of the top image of the picture stack and formed along displayed edges of image data of partly obscured underlying images, the borders mutually separating the top and underlying images in the picture stack combined graphic symbol.

25. (Currently Amended): The information handling system according to Claim 21 further comprising:

the graphical user interface that selectively displays each image of the plurality of images in the picture stack combined graphic symbol in the same size.

26. (Currently Amended): The information handling system according to Claim 21 further comprising:

the graphical user interface that displays the plurality of images in the picture stack combined graphic symbol with selected different sizes.

27. (Currently Amended): The information handling system according to Claim 21 further comprising:

the graphical user interface that displays the plurality of images in the picture stack combined graphic symbol as conceptually stacked together with the individual images mutually offset to form an appearance of a stack of photographs whereby the entire picture stack or a selected one of the individual images is determined by location on the symbol at which the control information is directed.

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28. (Currently Amended): The information handling system according to Claim 21 further comprising:

the graphical user interface that displays the plurality of images in the picture stack combined graphic symbol as mutually offset from one another to produce an illusion of a three-dimensional stack of pictures.

29. (Previously Presented): The information handling system according to Claim 21 further comprising:

the graphical user interface that performs audio data associated with an image of the plurality of images in the picture stack according to control information from the user.

30. (Currently Amended): An information handling system comprising:  
a graphical user interface that displays at least a portion of each image of a plurality of individual images on a desktop arranged in a picture stack displaying an undivided combined graphic symbol including a completely-shown top image and one or more underlying images underlying the top image that are at least partly obscured by overlying images, the graphical user interface being adapted to respond to the user's arrangement of two or more overlapping images by creating the picture stack operative as an entity whereby user commands directed to the picture stack combined graphic symbol modify ordering and inclusion of individual images within the picture stack based on location on the combined graphic symbol at which the user command is directed.

31. (Previously Presented): The information handling system according to Claim 30 further comprising:

the graphical user interface that responds to a mousedown event on the location of the picture stack entity to modify ordering and/or inclusion of the individual images within the pictures stack.

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32. (Currently Amended): The information handling system according to Claim 30 further comprising:

the graphical user interface that displays the combined graphic symbol including a border formed around image data of the top image of the picture stack, the border separating the top image from underlying images in the picture stack combined graphic symbol.

33. (Currently Amended): The information handling system according to Claim 30 further comprising:

the graphical user interface that displays the combined graphic symbol including a border formed around image data of the top image of the picture stack and formed along displayed edges of image data of partly obscured underlying images, the borders mutually separating the top and underlying images in the picture stack combined graphic symbol.

34. (Currently Amended): The information handling system according to Claim 30 further comprising:

the graphical user interface that selectively displays each image of the plurality of images in the picture stack combined graphic symbol in the same size.

35. (Currently Amended): The information handling system according to Claim 30 further comprising:

the graphical user interface that displays the plurality of images in the picture stack combined graphic symbol with selected different sizes.

36. (Currently Amended): The information handling system according to Claim 30 further comprising:

the graphical user interface that displays the plurality of images in the picture stack combined graphic symbol as conceptually stacked together with the individual images mutually offset to form an appearance of a stack of photographs whereby the entire picture stack or a selected one of the individual images is

determined by location on the symbol at which the control information is directed.

37. (Currently Amended): The information handling system according to Claim 30 further comprising:

the graphical user interface that displays the plurality of images in the picture stack combined graphic symbol as mutually offset from one another to produce an illusion of a three-dimensional stack of pictures.

38. (Previously Presented): The information handling system according to Claim 30 further comprising:

the graphical user interface that performs audio data associated with an image of the plurality of images in the picture stack according to control information from the user.

39. (Currently Amended): A method for operating an information handling system comprising:

receiving control information from a user;

displaying a plurality of images on a desktop;

arranging the plurality of images as an undivided combined graphic symbol including a completely-shown top image and one or more underlying images stacked beneath the top image that are at least partly obscured by overlying images;

creating a picture stack as a conceptual structure defined by the underlying and overlying images; and

operating upon the picture stack combined graphic symbol as the conceptual structure according to the control information according to location on the combined graphic symbol at which the control information is directed.

40. (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 39 further comprising:  
receiving user commands directed to the picture stack; and  
operating on the picture stack as an entity whereby the user commands modify  
ordering and inclusion of individual images within the picture stack.

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